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LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED.

The Legislature adjourned Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

It is common to abuse Legislatures and say they have done nothing and all that, a pastime in which this paper never indulges; but we do candidly believe that it would have been better for North Carolina had they qualified as they did on the day of assembling, drawn their pay for the whole sixty days, and returned to their homes. They have done some good, we believe, but it is our candid opinion that their mistakes far outweigh the good they have done. We have no space for further comment, nor have we commented much during the sitting of the Legislature, preferring to give our readers what they were doing. We may review the work now.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

On last Thursday Grover Cleveland stepped out from the position of power as President of this great republic, and William McKinley stepped in.

The ceremonies at the inauguration were imposing, as they always are; but the crowds were not so large as usually attend the President's inauguration. The weather was almost perfect and we trust that this presages a quiet, peaceful and prosperous administration.

President McKinley's address was short, well prepared but not especially striking.

TRUSTEES APPOINTED.

Wilmington Messenger.

Raleigh, N. C. March 8.—The governor this afternoon sent in the following nominations to the senate, which it confirmed:

For trustees of the agricultural department for the state at large—W. C. Sprinkle, Howard Browning, J. D. Maultsby, J. L. Ramsey, J. W. Bailey; by districts—John Brady, B. F. Aycock, H. E. King, R. B. Lineberry, R. J. Joyce, G. E. Flow, S. F. Shore, J. C. Ray, Jas. M. Allen.

For penitentiary directors—Clausius Dockery, W. H. Chadbourne, E. T. Clark, Hannon Hughes, M. M. Peace, R. B. Cotton, G. H. Cannon, A. Y. Sigmon, J. J. Perkins, for four years each.

For trustees of deaf mute and blind institution at Raleigh—B. F. Montague, to succeed himself; James H. Young, vice James A. Briggs; B. N. Duke, vice H. C. Herring; C. T. Bailey, vice C. D. Heatt; K. W. Merritt, vice J. J. Rogers.

For trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, for the state at large—L. C. Edwards, J. C. L. Harris, E. G. Butler, W. G. Pool, John W. Hardin; by districts—E. V. Cox, H. G. Connor, Dr. Mott Moore, B. R. Lacy, J. Z. Waller, H. E. Bonitz, Dr. M. D. Kimbrough, Dr. B. F. Dixon, Dr. J. J. Britt.

For members of the board of internal improvements—Charles A. Cook and J. C. L. Harris.

Eor commissioner of labor statistics—J. Y. Hambrick (for two years).

For trustees for the Western hospital for the insane, at Morganton—V. S. Lusk, Henry Mott, E. R. Hueston, T. Geo. Walton, Samuel Huffman, John Pearson, Lee Whitener, A. C. Sharpe, L. A. Abernethy (for four years).

For trustees of the Central hospital for the insane, at Raleigh—J. D. Biggs, B. S. Utley, Dr. Phill J. Macon, Rev. T. T. Speight, Dr. Palemon John, W. A. Deans, Dr. B. Therson, M. L. Wood, Geo. B. Curtis (for four years).

For trustees of the state hospital for the insane, at Goldsboro—Rufus Ham, F. N. Hussey, C. S. Wooten, John S. Leary, W. M. Henderson, Dr. J. E. Person, Dr. John D. Spicer, Dr. J. Sharpe, Rev. Joseph Perry (for four years).

N. C. EXPERIMENT STATION SUGAR CORN.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD.

SENATE.—A railroad commissioner was elected. John Graham, Populist; E. C. Beddingfield, democrat; D. H. Abbott, republican, were placed in nomination. The vote was Abbott 27, Graham 15, Beddingfield 7.

A State Librarian was voted for. J. C. Ellington, democrat; R. A. Cobb, and —Cobb were nominated. The vote was Cobb 26, Cole 16, Ellington 7.

The vote for these names in the House was—For railroad commissioner Abbott 69, Beddingfield 27, Graham 20. For Librarian Cobb 64, Ellington 25, Cole 21.

Bills passed:

To establish a dispensary for Vance county, to be left to the vote of the people of the county.

The bill to amend the charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, by allowing the company to do business without paying a tax, was taken up.

The bill passed its second reading—ayes, 24; noes, 17. Objection was made to its third reading.

Senator Atwater offered a resolution that the senate should not adjourn sine die until all the bills on the calendar are either passed or killed—adopted.

To allow the mayors of cities and towns to solemnize rights of matrimony.

A resolution instructing the state treasurer to report whether there remains in his office any unpaid construction bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad and why they have not been paid.

To regulate the sale of liquor in Columbus county.

HOUSE.—The revenue act was taken up.

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on finance, moved to reinsert the section which imposes a tax of \$50 on each drummer. The section was reinstated.

The bill to encourage local taxation for public school came up on its third reading. It is one which appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund. An amendment was introduced by Mr. Freeman, providing that \$65,000 be appropriated from the special school fund held by the board of education and \$35,000 from the general fund.

The bill passed its third reading—ayes, 69; noes, 19.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH.

SENATE.—Among the things of interest were the following:

To prohibit sale of obscene and immoral books.

A short adjournment was had in honor of the inauguration of President McKinley.

Taking up the revenue act, the section was adopted imposing a tax of \$5 on every practicing lawyer, physician and dentist and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 per cent. on all gross incomes of over \$1,000. It provides that no city, town or county shall levy additional tax. It also provided that any and all persons who shall write deeds, mortgages, conveyances or other legal instruments for pecuniary consideration shall be deemed practicing law and subject to the tax imposed. The section taxing domestic drummers was stricken out.

At the close of the evening session the senate went into executive session to consider a message from the governor nominating John R. Smith, of Goldsboro, superintendent of the penitentiary and confirmed the nomination.

HOUSE.—Some bills passed:

To allow Halifax county to levy a special tax.

To work Halifax county's roads by taxation.

The bill concerning the College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts, to organize a board of directors, allowing the governor to name them passed.

Mr. Lusk rose to a question of order and said the house was the most disorderly body he had ever seen. He said it was a disgrace to the constituents of members and the state.

The speaker said that the behaviour was certainly a disgrace; that his appeals for order were not heeded.

Mr. Lusk said that the doorkeeper could not manage the members; that the latter refused to heed him. He added that the hubbub was so great that he could not hear the speech of a member six feet away.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH.

SENATE.—The school bill came up as a special order and after amendments and debate it was referred to a committee. The bill came up taking the asylums at Raleigh, Goldsboro and Morganton out of the hands of the Legislature, and giving the Governor the power to appoint the superintendents. Many republicans opposed it, the democrats opposed it with the straight populists. The debate was warm, but when the vote was put it stood 25 to 25 and the chair voted in the affirmative and the bill was passed.

HOUSE.—The most of the house proceedings were devoted to the substitute lease bill and we give space elsewhere to tell of the disgraceful scene that occurred just before noon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH.

SENATE.—The bill was taken up to amend the election law. This is a substitute to the original bill introduced by Senator Grant. The substitute is also introduced by the same senator.

The bill provides that the clerk of the court, register of deeds and chairman of the county commissioners shall appoint all the registrars and judges of election, without recommendation of any one. It ignores the chairmen of the state and county executive committees. It also provides for three ballot boxes, one for township officers, one for county officers and one for state officers. The length of time to register is extended to the fifth Saturday until 12 o'clock when a voter is challenged. The reason shall be stated on the registration book; that each chairman of the state and county of each political party shall file with the secretary of state and clerk of the court a duplicate ticket that is to be used in the election, with the names of all candidates and with or without a design or device. Any other tickets shall be declared counterfeit and the party issuing them guilty of misdemeanor.

In city elections the mayor shall certify the registrars and judges of election. If he be a candidate, then the clerk shall certify, and if he be a candidate then they shall be certified by the chief of police; that city registration books shall be kept open forty days preceding election. In removals from the precinct to another the voter is allowed up to the day of election to get a certificate. The provisions of the bill do not apply to cities or towns which have a charter prescribing for an election.

The bill passed its third reading, the senator from Pitt, (Moye) remarking that the law would not benefit any but democrats.

The bill making an appropriation to state hospitals and insane asylums, giving \$100,000 to Morganton, \$63,000 to Raleigh and \$43,000 to Goldsboro came up. These amounts were reduced to \$90,000, \$55,000 and \$40,000.

HOUSE.—At both the day and night sessions of the house the scenes were as disgraceful as on the day before. They quarreled again over the lease bill and cursed and swore at each other and several times were on the point of coming to blows.

LAST DAY BUT ONE.

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH.

SENATE.—Nothing of special importance was done.

The committee on salary of chief clerk to the auditor and chief clerk to the attorney general made a report, allowing the auditor's clerk \$1,500 and the attorney general's clerk \$900.

Senator McCaskey opposed the report, as the democratic party for years worked on the pay as it now stands and the first populist auditor and republican attorney general ask for an increase. He said: "Is this reform? I think not."

The report was adopted—ayes, 21; noes, 15.

HOUSE.—Speaker Hileman was too sick and Representative Blackburn was elected pro tem to preside and sign bills.

A vote was taken on the lease bill and the whole thing was tabled and the matter now stands as it did before the agitation.

A bill passed to appropriate \$49,000 to the penitentiary in the face of the fact that it is self-sustaining.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

President McKinley has issued the following proclamation for extra session of Congress:

"By the President of the United States of America, a proclamation.

"Whereas, public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at twelve o'clock on the fifteenth day of March, 1897, to receive such communication as may be made by the Executive,

Now, therefore, I, Wm. McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the fifteenth day of March, 1897, at twelve o'clock, noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof, are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington, the sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven, and of the independence of the United States one hundred and twenty-first."

Signed, WM. McKINLEY, (Seal.) "By the President," JOHN SHERMAN, "Secretary of State."

John B. Smith is to be Superintendent of the penitentiary. Senator McCaskey of Martin county will be manager at Caladonia in the place of Maj. J. H. McIver.

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NORTH CAROLINA DISGRACED.

The following report of a scene in the lower house of the General Assembly in Raleigh last Friday, as reported by special telegram to the Norfolk Pilot, will cause every true North Carolinian to blush with shame:

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.—The most exciting scene that ever occurred in the North Carolina Legislature was witnessed here to-day. It was over the now famous question of the ninety-nine year lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern railroad, and it was a pitched battle, almost resulting in a riot. The Senate substitute, which is favored by the Southern people, had been made a special order for 12 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Sutton asked consent to call up a resolution asking the Supreme Court to give to-morrow its opinion in the matter of the Senate substitute for the House bill.

Mr. Blackburn sprang to his feet and as the hands of the clock pointed to noon, declared that the hour set for the special order, the Senate substitute lease bill, had arrived, and that it must be taken up. Both he and Mr. Sutton kept on their feet. Demands were poured at the Speaker to recognize one or the other. Conspicuous among those who cried out were Sutton, Hancock and Alexander. Mr. Sutton said he wanted the special order held up until the resolution was voted on. He wanted delay. Then the storm burst. Mr. Blackburn said:

"You know that under the resolution adopted by this House no resolution can be introduced save by unanimous consent. You know the journal shows that the resolution is not introduced. I move that the House concur in the Senate substitute."

Then confusion broke loose. Twenty members were on the floor at once, all shouting, all protesting; some one way, some another. The two factions arrayed themselves. For two or three minutes the fuss continued. Then Dr. Alexander moved that the House take a recess until 3 o'clock. There was a roar of protest, "Vote it down, vote it down," and amid the din the voice of Person, the two Suttons and Hancock could be heard seconding the motion.

The aisle filled. Cook put the motion. There was a roar of "ayes," followed by a sweeping rush of "no," both rattling to the dome and descending in a torrent of sound. "Division!" shouted Blackburn, Murphy and forty more. But Cook had declared in the House had taken a recess until 3 o'clock.

Blackburn strode up the aisle. "That is false," he cried. "I appeal from the decision of the chair!"

The scene was at this moment indescribable. Cook left the chair as the gavel fell. He stepped to the rear lobby. The uproar raged. Pandemonium broke loose. Members rushed to the front. Some put on their hats and moved toward the door. Some of the nervous ones hurried to the lobby. The atmosphere was filled with execrations, mainly of Cook and his ruling. "It is tyrannical," "It is unjust," "We will not submit to it," "He had a right to declare the House adjourned," shouted Cook's friends.

ALMOST A RIOT.

The factions found each other prepared for battle. One blow would have caused an instant riot.

Some man shouted: "For God's sake, stop this. It is the most disgraceful scene the State ever witnessed. Never talk about the Legislature of 1868 again."

During the turmoil the Speaker (Hileman) sat serene in his chair at the Speaker's desk. Suddenly some one shouted: "The House is without a speaker. I move we elect Freeman speaker pro tem."

"I second the motion," said Blackburn and a score of others. Murphy put the motion. There was a rattling volley of ayes, and then, taking Freeman by the arm, Murphy led him to the Speaker's desk. Freeman did not take the chair, but stood at the end of the desk.

The assemblage was not a mob. The galleries fairly bulged with wild-eyed, excited spectators. The uproar reached the Senate and the senators poured in to the hall of the House.

Suddenly Lusk rushed to the front and leaning over the desk at which the correspondents of the newspapers were seated, raised his arms high above his head, and in his loudest voice shouted, as he looked at the Speaker's desk: "I protest. In the name of North Carolina, I protest. This is treason. This is revolution. We ought to send for force to clear this hall and to stop these riotous and revolutionary proceedings. Be ashamed of yourselves. Be men."

All this was said with a rising note, to an accompaniment of yells and cries which stunned the ear.

Dr. Alexander, rushing up near the desk, shot his fists at Freeman. His eyes flashed with anger: "Come down from that place!" he cried, "you are a usurper; you are a traitor!"

In a few moments some quiet consideration was had as to "where they were at." It was finally decided to retire until 3 o'clock as per the ruling of the chair.

Rev. L. L. Burns of Martin county is to be keeper of the capitol in the place of Gen. Roberts, who has been there for many years.

THE NEW CABINET.

Following are the names of the new Cabinet officers, the confidential advisers President McKinley has chosen to assist him in the management of the Government for four years:

Secretary of State, John Sherman, of Ohio.

Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois.

Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger, of Michigan.

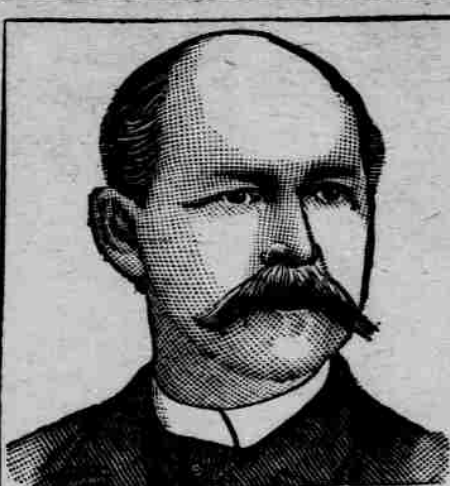
Attorney General, Joseph McKenna, of California.

Postmaster General, James A. Gary, of Maryland.

Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long, of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior, Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York.

Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, of Iowa.



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